scale of Rs. 1400 to Rs. 2300 which is less than that of a staff nurse in the CCRAS; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons that Fourth Pay Commission has recommended the Pay Scale of Rs. 2200 to Rs. 4000 for Ayurvedic Physicians holding Medical Graduate Degrees?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the report of the 4th Pay Commission, the Association representing the Indian System of Medicine (ISM) brought to their notice that previously the medical officers of the Indian System of Medicine were getting the same scale of pay of Rs. 650-1200 which had been given to the Allopathic doctors. However, when the allopathic doctors were brought under Central Health Services, their scale of pay was raised to Rs. 700-1300, but the officers of ISM continued in the scale of Rs. 650-1200. The Pay Commission, therefore, recommended that ISM/Homoeopathy physicians possessing degree qualification the pay scale of Rs. 650-1200 may be given the scale of Rs. 2200-4000 on par with the allopathic doctors. However, the matter regarding grant of revised pay scales in respect of above recommendations is under consideration of the Government.

Patients admitted in Government hospitals

1710. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of patients admitted in Delhi hospitals under the control of the Union Government during 1987;

(b) the number of patients who died in these hospitals during last year;

(c) the number of complaints received in this regard about the negligence or lack of case attending by doctors; and

(d) the details of action taken against these negligent doctors?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (d) The required information of the question is given in Annexure (See Appendix, CXLVI, Annexure No. 62]

Contract labour in Hindustan Shipyard Limited

1711. SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of workmen employed through contractors in Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether there are 90 workmen doing insulation work in the Shipyard who are hired through contractors;

(c) whether these contract workers have been requesting for their permanent absorption;

(d) what is the money paid to the contractors on account of all these workmen and what is the daily wage paid by the contractors to the workmen; and

(e) whether Government propose to take steps to put an end to this exploitation of contract labour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Total number of workmen

employed by Hindustan Shipyard Limited through Societies/Contractors varies from 385 to 420 per day.

(b) Insulation works are carried out on turn key job basis, including material and labour, by two insulation contractors namely, (i) M/s. Hindustan Shipyard Insulation Workers' Society and (ii) M/s. Nest Builders. They are engaging about 30 and 20 men respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Total amount paid to contractors in a month depends on the number of men drawn during a month. Rates of wages paid by HSL to Societies/Contractors and rates of wages paid by the Societies/Contractors to workmen are as below:

Sl. No.	Category	Daily-wage paid by HSL to Societies/ Contractors per head	Daily-wage paid by Societies/ Contractors to workmen per head
1	Skilled . . .	Rs. 30.00 to Rs. 50.00	Rs. 24.00 to Rs. 40.00
2	Unskilled . . .	Rs. 16.10 to Rs. 17.00	Rs. 13.50 to Rs. 15.00

The rates fixed by Andhra Pradesh Government under Minimum Wage Act and those paid by Societies/Contractors to Insulation workers are as below:-

Sl. No.	Category	Daily-wage payable under Minimum Wage Act	Daily-wage paid by Societies Contractors to Insulation workers
1	Skilled . . .	Rs. 25.00	Rs. 35.00
2	Semi-skilled . .	Rs. 18.00	Rs. 25.00
3	Unskilled . . .	Rs. 13.50	Rs. 21.00

(e) Government do not consider that this is a case of exploitation of contract labour.

Gate meetings by railway workers

1712. SHRI K. G. MAHESVARAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a ban on holding gate meetings by railway workers during lunch hour;

(b) if so, when such ban was introduced;

(c) whether he has received reports of the suspension from services of office-bearers of the Rail Mazdoor Union, a registered trade union, for holding a gate meeting at New Katni; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No Sir; however prior permission of railway administration is required to be taken for holding a gate meeting